BIG BROTHER IS
MY CLASSMATE

MOM, JUST A LITTLE MORE...
NN.
WAKE UP, IT'S MORNING!
HEY.
HIKARI.
A deep voice
HMM?
NO.
!?
GET UP RIGHT NOW.
IT'S AN ORDER FROM YOUR BIG BROTHER!

AUNT'S GOING TO BE MAD.
DON'T GO BACK TO BED, COME DOWN SOON.
EH?
?
WOAH!
HYUUGA!
WHY ARE YOU IN MY HOUSE!
MY CLASSMATE, MAEJIMA HYUUGA, MOVED INTO MY HOUSE A MONTH AGO
Got a shock
AH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
OK.
IF YOU ASK WHY WE'RE LIVING TOGETHER,
THAT'S BECAUSE HYUUGA'S FATHER MARRIED MY MOM
SORRY, HYUUGA-KUN.
HIKARI'S BAD AT WAKING UP.
NO.
I'M HAPPY TO HAVE A KID BROTHER.
WE'RE THE SAME AGE!
Big brother, he says
SINCE THEN HYUUGA'S BEEN CALLING HIMSELF "BIG BROTHER" AND TAKES CARE OF ME.
FEELS KINDA WEIRD SINCE WE NEVER HAD MUCH CONTACT UP TILL NOW.

HYUUGA'S A LITTLE STRANGE
HE'S SO OBSESSED WITH JUDO THAT HE GOES RUNNING TO TRAIN HIMSELF EVEN DURING BREAKTIME
THAT'S WHY I'VE NEVER REALLY SEEN HIM TALKING TO PEOPLE IN CLASS
MORE-OVER
HEY, WHAT DO YOU TALK ABOUT WITH MAEJIMA-KUN AT HOME?
HMM? NOTHING IN PAR-TICULAR ...
I might be doing all the talking
He's big, muscular and quiet
ARE YOU BEING BULLIED?
THE GIRLS ARE AFRAID OF HIM
THERE'S NO SUCH THING!
MAEJIMA-KUN'S A BIT SCARY!
I THINK IT'S AMAZING HOW HE WINS MATCHES
He's surprisingly gentle

AND SO
ISN'T IT FUN TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS?
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF HE'S A LITTLE FRIENDLIER?
HEY, HEY!
LET'S PLAY!
Let's do Mario Kart!
LATER.

HEY, IT'S DANGEROUS AROUND MY FEET!
Are you a cat?
WHAT?
ROLL
ROLL
!!
PAY SOME ATTENTION TO ME!
I WON'T.
EH? WILL YOU DROP IT?
!
HEY.
IF I TRAIN TOO, WILL I BECOME LIKE YOU?
All muscular!
.....
Hmm.
I GUESS.

WELL.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
AFTER ALL, I'M A QUITTER.
NO.
YOU CAN DO IT.
EH?
WHEN HIKARI WANTS TO DO SOMETHING, YOU'RE A GO-GETTER.
WHY-
WHY DOES HE KNOW ME SO WELL?
AH!
HYUUGA.
LEND ME THIS!
IDIOT!

WATCH OUT!
WAH!
SO-
SORRY!
THANKS.
AH...
!?

HYUUGA!
WHY DID YOU TURN RED?
SORRY.
YOU'RE MAKING ME EMBARRASSED, TOO!
WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME HE'S WEAK WITH SKINSHIP?
BUT STILL...
HYUUUUGA!
WHAT!
HIS FACE JUST NOW...
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.
They pin each other down in judo.
NAH.

HIKARI
TO THINK HE MAKES THIS KIND OF FACE!
FOR POKER-FACED HYUUGA...
TO GET ALL FLUSTERED AND RED..
LET GO, IDIOT!
WHY?
SOMEHOW IT'S SUPER FUN!
FROM THEN ON...
MESSING WITH HYUUGA TOTALLY BECAME MY HOBBY
Do my homework for me!
Hyuuga!
BE-CAUSE OF THAT...
Ah
Gimme a sip!
Touch mine for compari-son!
!?
Is it?
Your hair is so rough.

IT'S BECOME EASIER TO APPROACH HIM...
INDEED
MAEJIMA-KUN FEELS DIFFERENT
YEP
THE TWO OF YOU HAVE BEEN REALLY CLOSE LATELY!
WAS HE LOOKING HERE?
A bit surprised
Wah Our eyes met
AND THE USE OF "IT" HERE...
EVEN THOUGH HE'S STILL QUIET...

WHAT?
THAT RESPONSE ...
.....
ISN'T HE BEHAVING AS IF HE LIKES...
ISN'T THAT BAD!?
AFTER ALL, I'M A BOY, AND THOUGH IT'S JUST A NAME, I'M HIS BROTHER!
Woah.
Woah.
DOKI
DOKI
EH? SERIOUSLY?
DOKI
DOKI
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF HE CONFESSES TO ME?

WHY DOES MY HEART HAVE TO BEAT SO FAST...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT AM I THINKING!
AS IF!!
What's wrong, Hikari?
Haha
OH?
I'm tired after thinking so much today.
I'M TAKING A BATH NOW.
IS THAT MOM?

YOU'RE HOME!
HYU-
HYUU-GA..
AH
WASN'T ON PUR-POSE.
I COULDN'T HELP IT.
SORRY!
WHAT AM I GETTING SO CON-SCIOUS ABOUT!
NO...
HIKARI!
IT'S AL-RIGHT, GET IN!
WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IT'S A RARE CHANCE, COME JOIN ME!
IF I DON'T ACT NORMAL, HE'LL THINK I'M WEIRD...

DON'T TEMPT ME.

I LIKE YOU.
I THINK OF HOLDING YOU.
AND WANT TO DO MORE WHEN YOU CLING TO ME

HYUUGA LIKES...
NO WAY!
I DON'T LIKE MEN!
Y-
YOU...
LIKE MEN?
ONLY YOU.
YOU'RE SPECIAL.
IS THAT BE-CAUSE...
I'M YOUR KID BROTHER?
THAT'S NOT TRUE, TOO.
Poison for my eyes.

WHEN I REALISED THAT YOU'RE A HARD WORKER...
WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSI-BILITY.
.....
SINCE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO.
THE PHOTO DISPLAY SEEMS TO BE TAKING A BREAK
DO YOU REMEMBER THE PREP FOR CULTURAL FEST IN OUR FIRST YEAR?
Yeah, that's right
LET'S GO HOME.
CAN WE JUST LEAVE THE DECO-RATIONS?
NO ONE'S EVER SAID THAT TO ME...
ME?

I'll go back once I'm done.
I'LL JUST FINISH THIS UP, GO AHEAD
HIKARI, LET'S GO.
I WENT OVER TO MY CLUB'S STALL PREPARATIONS.
BUT...
I WAS SURPRISED THAT YOU WERE STILL THERE WHEN I RETURNED
DID HYUUGA NOTICE?
YOU HAD TO FINISH EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN IN THE END, DIDN'T YOU?
SPEAKING OF THAT...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE THE FESTIVAL, WE WERE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED...

REALISED THAT YOU'RE REALLY CUTE.
AS I LOOKED AT YOU...
I...
I STARTED TO NOTICE YOU AFTER THAT INCIDENT.
I DIDN'T THINK MY CRUSH WOULD BECOME MY STEP-BROTHER.
WHA-
WHAT! YOU NEVER SHOWED ANY SIGN OF IT UNTIL RECENTLY!
YOU'D BE TROUBLED IF A GUY COMES AFTER YOU!
THAT LOOK.
OH NO
AH.
BUT YOU GOT SO CLINGY...
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO LOVE YOU AS A BROTHER!

I SAID STOP DOING THAT!
THAT'S WHY...
AH!
HYUUGA!
IT'S HARD TO...
KEEP MY RATIO-NALITY ...
KISS

I REALLY LIKE STICKING CLOSE TO HYUUGA!
!!
WHA-
THAT GOING FURTHER MIGHT BE...
UNEXPECT-EDLY OKAY.
AND SOMEHOW I THINK...

SO CAN I CLING TO YOU?
I-
I SAID IT'S OKAY
You don't have to hold back.
I'M SAYING THAT...
I'M KIND OF PERVERTED.
What am I saying...
YOU...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN?

JUST..
GET IT ALREADY!
I'M SAYING I LIKE YOU, TOO.
ONII-CHAN
AFTER THIS MY BODY COULD WHOLLY VERIFY THAT HIS DECLARATION WAS REAL.
Call me that again!
Eh!?
You're too cute even as a little brother!
It's not "kind of", you're REALLY perverted!
This is bad.
Somehow it's embarrassing because I don't say it.
●END●

HEY, HYUUGA.
WILL YOU LISTEN ...
TO MY REQUEST?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "REQUEST"...
PLEASE GIVE ME ..
YOUR BIG ONE ♡
OVER HERE!
HIKARI... YOU!
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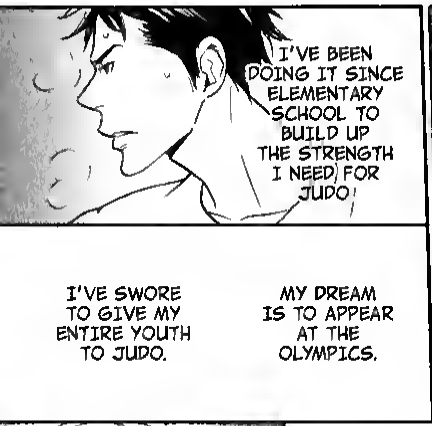
PINK SYNDROME



I'VE SWORE TO GIVE MY ENTIRE YOUTH TO JUDO.

MY DREAM IS TO APPEAR AT THE OLYMPICS.

THERE'S A REASON WHY A PERSON LIKE ME ENDED UP HAVING THAT KIND OF DREAM.

IT'S BE-CAUSE OF HIKARI

A YEAR AGO, I FELL IN LOVE WITH AN INCREDIBLY CUTE MALE CLASSMATE.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FALL IN LOVE WITH A GUY.
IT WOULD BE TROUBLING IF A GUY CAME AND TOLD YOU, HUH?
BUT WHEN I BECAME AWARE OF MY FEELINGS, I DIDN'T THINK OF GETTING CLOSE TO HIM.
I like you.
Onii-chan
I'm saying I like you, too!
MOREOVER, MANY THINGS HAPPENED AND WE STARTED DATING.
Take care of me!
BUT THEN..
WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER AFTER OUR PARENTS RE-MARRIED
GOOD MORNING, HYUUGA!
Oh
Yeah
SINCE THEN.
Everyday in my dreams

I HAVE TO CALM DOWN.
Ah, sweet egg rolls today.
W-
WHAT?
YOU EAT A LOT STARTING FROM BREAK-FAST.
IS THAT SO? YOU EAT VERY LITTLE.
Probably be-cause you're small sized.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I EAT NOR-MALLY-
YOU HAVE RICE STUCK HERE...
!!

SMALL FACE...
SO CUTE!
NOT AT ALL
SOFT...

AH, THANKS.
Somehow, it's embarrassing...

PLEASE GIVE ME...
YOUR BIG ONE!

IS THIS GUY REALLY A MALE LIKE ME...
No, I've already seen it, but...

I HAVE TO BE EARLY TODAY BECAUSE I'M ON DUTY. LET'S GO TOGETHER!
AH. THAT'S RIGHT.

!!!
WHAT AM I REMEMBERING!

Eh
I'M GOING BY BICYCLE TODAY.
NO. GO YOURSELF.

What's with that!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A RARE CHANCE FOR OUR TIMES TO MATCH...
THERE'S NO WAY HIKARI WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
I KNOW THAT, BUT MY BODY'S BEEN IN THIS MISERABLE STATE SINCE MORNING...
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS IT DONE TO ME?
HIKARI'S SEXY FIGURE HASN'T LEFT MY MIND ALL DAY!
AH
UOOO-OOH!
Ahhh!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON JUDO
Don't take it so hard
YOU DON'T SEEM WELL...
DON'T SLACK OFF OVER THERE!
SORRY TOGASHI...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HYUUGA?
IT'S MY TURN TO THROW!
GOING BACK ONE WEEK AGO
THAT DAY
IT'S GOING WAY TOO FAST FOR ME
AH..
NO...
I CAN'T TAKE IT!
NN.
AH..
COMING!
IF YOU TOUCH ME MORE THAN THAT..
I'M COMING!
COMING...
AH.
NO WAY

DON'T TELL ME THAT'S ALL IT TOOK FOR ME TO COME!!!
I didn't even touch it once...
.....
I EVEN LIED AND RAN AWAY.
I'LL DO IT FOR YOU TOO, TAKE IT OFF!
SORRY FOR BEING THE ONLY ONE!
NO ...
I'M TIRED TODAY. NEXT TIME!
IT'S HARD TO SEDUCE SOMEONE FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN ANY CASE, I NEED TO GET BACK MY SELF-POSSESSION.
I'LL GO BACK TO MY USUAL SELF!
AH.
HYUUGA! I FOUND YOU!

Y-YOU! WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT!
ACK!
LET'S EAT TO-GETHER!
I SPILLED JUICE ON MY UNI-FORM.
I'M FINE WITH THAT, BUT...
After all I only wear it to and from school
THANK YOU!
I just helped myself!
UNTIL IT'S DONE WASHING AND DRYING
I'M BOR-ROWING YOUR SHIRT.
THEN ..
LET'S HURRY UP AND GO EAT. ♡

WAAA-AHHH!
THIS IS BAD
LET'S DO IT!
I WANT TO PUSH HIM DOWN RIGHT NOW!
EH!
SORRY!
I'M GOING TO RUN FOR A BIT.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT!
DAMN!
HYUUGA!?

EVEN THOUGH I DECIDED NOT TO RUN AWAY ANYMORE SINCE THAT DAY...
I RAN AWAY AGAIN.
HYULUGA.
WILL WE WIN THE MATCH TOMORROW?
I'M NERVOUS... IT'S MY FIRST MATCH.
HEY, YOU GUYS
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT
BE GOOD AND GIVE ME YOUR MONEY.
WHO'S GIVING YOU ANYTHING!
I'LL HIT YOU TO PIECES WITH YOUR BAT!
WHAT!
...
HYULUGA!?
I ONLY REALISED THAT I'D BETRAYED MY FRIEND AFTER I HAD RUN AWAY.

IF ONLY I'D FACED UP AGAINST THEM EVEN IF WE GOT HIT BY THE BAT...
WE MIGHT HAVE MADE SOMETHING OF OUR-SELVES
バッ
Recalled an unpleasant memory after a long time
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

AH!
GOOD!
AH.
AH!
NN!
I WANT YOU TO ..
FILL ME UP INSIDE!
AH!
FEELS GOOD..
HYUUGA!

I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE TO ENTER HIKARI...
HAA.
NN.
NN...
HAA
HAA.
.....
8 PM!
!!
IT'S MY TRAINING TIME!
WHAT AM I DOING...

WHERE DID MY JUDO-OBSESSED SELF GO!
IT'S REALLY A LITTLE STRANGE...
Is my sex drive so strong?
EVEN THOUGH THE ONE YEAR IN MY ONE-SIDED LOVE WAS MUCH PURER...
IF WE'D DONE IT TO THE END THE FIRST TIME...
MAYBE I WOULDN'T FANTASIZE TO THIS EXTENT...
KNOCK KNOCK
HYUUGA
YOU'RE DONE TRAINING?
HIKARI!

I SEE.
LET'S WATCH A DVD TOGETHER!
YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE THAT AGAIN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HYUUGA?
YOU SEEM KIND OF STRANGE ...
YOU'RE SEDUCING ME!
HIKARI!
WAAAH!
HYUUGA ...
WHAT ...
AH!
WAIT!

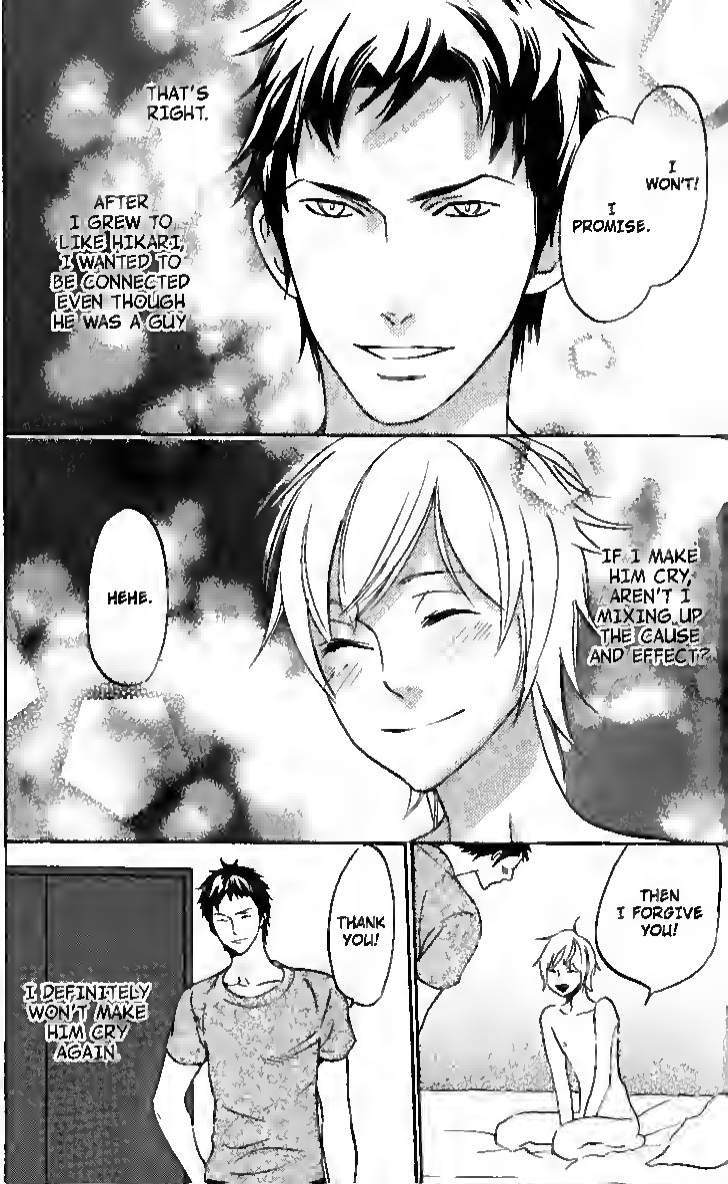
HY-
HYUUGA!?
!
I'M GOING IN.
WHA-!
NO WAY!
NO!
NO!
THAT'S RIGHT. IF I DO IT ALL THE WAY JUST ONCE...
HYUUGA.
STOP IT!
I'LL DEFI-NITELY BE CURED.
HYUUGA!

URGH
I HATE YOU!!!
STUPID HYUUGA!
I AL-READY SAID NO!
STU-PID!
I...
S-
SORRY
WHAT HAVE I DONE..
HI-
HIKARI ...
I'M THE WORST!
I ONLY THOUGHT OF MYSELF!

HIKARI, I'M SORRY...
I'M REALLY SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
HYUUGA, WHY DID YOU DO THIS?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU.
.....
YOU ACTED LIKE YOU DIDN'T CARE AFTER WE DID IT FOR THE FIRST TIME.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU REGRETTED... DOING IT WITH ME

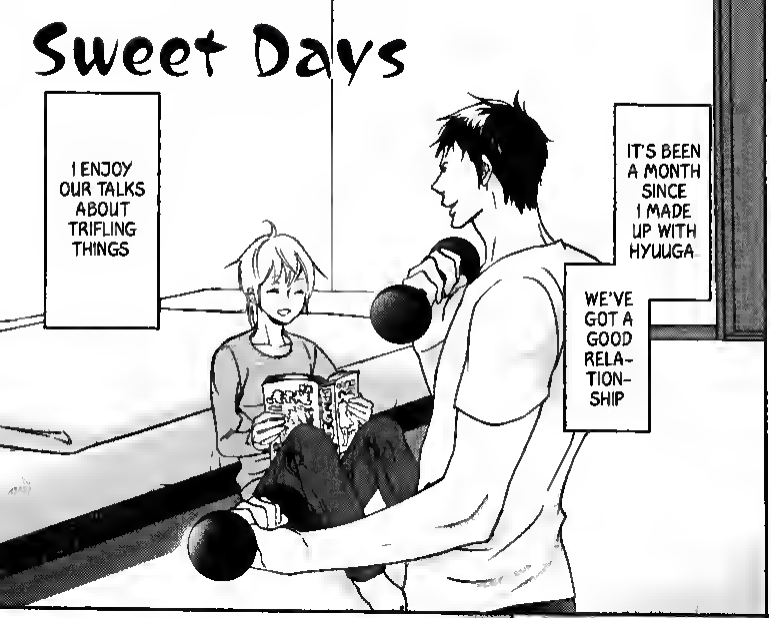
WHA-!
WERE YOU THINKING LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE TOTALLY WRONG.
IT'S THE OPPO-SITE!
I COULDN'T SUPPRESS MYSELF JUST BEING BESIDE YOU.
AND I WANTED TO ATTACK YOU LIKE JUST NOW...
I'M...
SORRY FOR EVERY-THING...
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH
DID I MAKE YOU FEEL INSECURE?

LIKE THIS?
H-
HUG ME TIGHTER!
Your punishment for scaring me.
!
Alright, alright
LIKE THIS?
TREAT ...
TREAT ME BETTER
RUFFLE MY HAIR MORE.
YEAH.
ALSO...
STOP TELLING ME THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO...
AND YOU ALSO CAN'T ACT LIKE...
YOU DON'T CARE!


THAT'S RIGHT.
AFTER I GREW TO LIKE HIKARI, I WANTED TO BE CONNECTED EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A GUY
I WON'T! I PROMISE.
HEHE.
IF I MAKE HIM CRY, AREN'T I MIXING UP THE CAUSE AND EFFECT?
THANK YOU!
I DEFINITELY WON'T MAKE HIM CRY AGAIN
THEN I FORGIVE YOU!

I WON'T SAY I WANT TO ENTER YOU EVER AGAIN!
EVER AGAIN
EVER..
.....
THAT SAID..
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING OVER HERE
.....
!!!
IF I GET USED TO IT, I GUESS EVEN SOMETHING SO BIG CAN GO IN?
NO WAY.
I've gotta do something to make him consent quickly!!
I'LL DO IT TO THE END SOMEDAY!
●END●

Sweet Days


I ENJOY OUR TALKS ABOUT TRIFLING THINGS
IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE I MADE UP WITH HYUUGA
WE'VE GOT A GOOD RELATIONSHIP

HYUUGA HAS BEEN SUPER NICE SINCE THAT DAY
I KNOW HE S BEING CONSIDERATE TO ME
AS HE DECLARED, HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING I DON'T LIKE
IT FEELS LIKE A LIE FOR SOMEONE SO SILENT AND UNFRIENDLY AT SCHOOL TO WHISPER SWEET NOTHINGS IN MY EAR
I FEEL A LITTLE TICKLED
HIKARI
I LOVE YOU.

I WISH SUCH DAYS... COULD CONTINUE FOREVER.
WHEN I'M WITH HYUUGA, EVERYDAY FEELS SWEET AND FLUFFY LIKE A DREAM.
THEN HIKARI HYUUGA-KUN.
MOM AND DAD ARE GOING TO AN ONSEN, MAKE SURE YOU LOCK THE DOORS!
And don't stay up all night!
WE AREN'T KIDS ANY-MORE!
HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE TRAIN!
OH NO! GOOD-BYE!
DID YOU FORGET ANY-THING ...
MOM'S REALLY CARE-LESS!
HYUU-
WAH!

(WHAT'S WRONG?
TWO OF US.. TODAY ..
Your face became really evil?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
EEEH?
THAT FACE DOESN'T SAY IT'S NOTH ING
DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT?
NOTHING'S WRONG.
PLEASE DON'T MIND.
WHAT?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT EVER YOU'RE THINKING!
TELL ME! I'M CON- CERNED!

ALL THE WAY.
I WANT TO HOLD YOU.
!
!!
SOME-HOW...
HYUU-GA!?
WE'RE ALONE TODAY, SO I THOUGHT ...
Impure thoughts
BUT I DEFINITELY WON'T FORCE YOU, SO DON'T WORRY.
!
SO HYUUGA WANTS TO DO IT ALL THE WAY AFTER ALL!
DO★

LET'S EXPERIMENT A BIT...
CAN SOMETHING LIKE THAT REALLY GO IN?
Two weeks ago in the bath
Eeks!
ACTUALLY TRIED IT OUT
I THOUGHT THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME SOMEDAY.
BUT THAT THING IS...

HMM?
HYUUGA ...
MY ASS HURT FOR DAYS AFTER THAT, IT WAS REALLY BAD
I'M SORRY FOR SAYING SOMETHING WEIRD.
DON'T MIND ME.
OH YES. IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT DO YOU WANT TO GO FOR LUNCH?
YOU'RE CLUMSY, BUT YOU'RE A GOOD GUY.

IF YOU GO OUT WITH ME, YOU MIGHT STAY A VIRGIN FOR LIFE.
BUT...
How about that steak house that opened recently? Or...
AND YOU'RE COOL.
HIKARI, ARE YOU LISTENING?
COME INSIDE ME!
LET'S DO IT!
HYUUGA!

I'M A MAN TOO! I KNOW HOW IT FEELS LIKE TO WANT TO GO IN!
YES!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YOU...
WHA...
HIKARI!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU, HIKARI!
Tears!?
I DEFINITELY WON'T MAKE YOU CRY!

NN.
NN.
HAA.
I'VE GOT THREE FINGERS INSIDE
AH
NN.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
AH.
NN.
AH!

B-BUT, IT'LL HURT IF SOMETHING SO BIG GOES IN... I GUESS.
AH!
IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL.
...
Why?
Ah
TELL ME IF IT HURTS.
AH!

I'M MOV-ING.
.....
AH!
NN!
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!
THIS...
NO WAY!
THIS...

SO GOOD!
FEELS...
AH!
HYUUGA!
HEY, HEY!
NEXT DAY
I
BEFORE MOM AND DAD COME BACK...
LET'S DO IT AGAIN. ♡
OH.
SURE!
SO THIS TIME I'LL ENTER YOU!
IT FELT REALLY GOOD
Eh?
●END●

TEASING
SUGGESTION

I THINK EVERYONE HAS SOME SORT OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, WHETHER BIG OR SMALL.
FOR ME, IT'S THIS.
KANOU-KUN, I HATE YOU!
IT WAS A COMMON SIGHT, BUT THIS PIERCED INTO MY HEART.
Wah...
MAKING FUN OF THE PERSON I LIKE AND GETTING HATED...
THAT'S WHY I AIMED TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO IS NEVER DISLIKED BY ANYONE ELSE.

PHEW ...
I'M DONE.
TANIGUCHI-SAN, THAT'S A LOT...
I'M FREE NOW, I'LL HELP YOU
THANKS!
OH, KANOU, YOU'RE GOING TO FIRST RESOURCE?
CAN YOU HELP ME WITH THIS ON THE WAY?
BY THE TIME I REALISED IT...
AH, MINE TOO!
THEN HOW ABOUT MINE?
THEN CAN YOU FIND THIS FROM THE FIRST RESOURCE ROOM?
OK.

I HAD BECOME A TOTAL HYPOCRITE.
I'LL GO NOW.
SURE!
OR AT LEAST I THOUGHT SO...
FIRST RESOURCE
AH!
KIKUCHI!
OH, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, TOO?
OF ALL PEOPLE, WHY AM I WITH HIM!

It didn't mean anything
HAHA. MY BAD.
WITH THIS GUY, MY PACE GETS MESSED UP.
Hey.
WHAT'S WITH THE "AH"... YOU'RE HORRIBLE, KANOU.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO BECOME A PERSON WHO ISN'T DISLIKED BY ANYONE...
CAN'T GET ALONG, I GUESS
Gotta be careful...

I THINK HE'S A GOOD GUY, I WONDER WHY I CAN'T HANDLE HIM?
PLEASE HELP ME GET THE LAST THREE ITEMS.
AAAH, THANKS.
THE SHELF FROM LAST MAY...
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING FROM THIS SIDE, I'LL GET IT FOR YOU.
Stuff at the top.

HOLD ON
If there's a reason_
GUESS IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT?

AH, ISN'T THIS FOR TANIGUCHI-SAN...
YOU'RE REALLY A GOOD PERSON.

EH..
KIKUCHI, WILL YOU BE COMING?

THAT HAPPENED A FEW MONTHS BEFORE.
I'D JUST GOTTEN USED TO WORK.

WE'RE HAVING A MIXER.
YOU NEW GUYS WANT TO COME ALONG?
I'LL GO!

NO.
UM..
I... CAN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
HUH?

THERE'S BEEN A GLOOMY FEELING SINCE THEN.
A mixer
THAT'S WHY.
ACTUALLY, I'M GAY
BECAUSE THIS GUY HAS ALWAYS BEEN REALLY CLUMSY.
NO. THAT'S NOT IT.
THIS, AND...
AM I PREJUDICED AGAINST GAYS?
I don't understand
PAY A BIT MORE ATTENTION!
Stupid!
GOING BY WHAT YOU SEE, YOU COULD SAY HE'S AN IDIOT.
THROWING AWAY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.
UPSETTING HIS FOOD
WAH!
AH!
LIKE HITTING THE WALL

KANOU! MY PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED VERY WELL.
Take a look!
A FEW DAYS AGO
.....
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO LOSE YOUR TEMPER.
THAT'S RIGHT, MY ATTITUDE IS NORMAL.
.....
DON'T GET ALL HAPPY!
Didn't you help me...
わしゃ
WAH!
And Manager says next time...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M DEFINITELY ACTING WEIRD!
INDEED, I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH HIM...
WHAT WAS THAT!!

HERE
THIS IS ALL THERE IS FOR THIS SIDE
AH, THANKS
?
TOUCH
!

AH, THE FILES!
SORRY, KIKUCHI
IT'S OKAY, I'LL PICK THEM UP.
BUT ...
WAH!
LOOK OUT!
EH!?

WAAAH!
ドサ…
SORRY

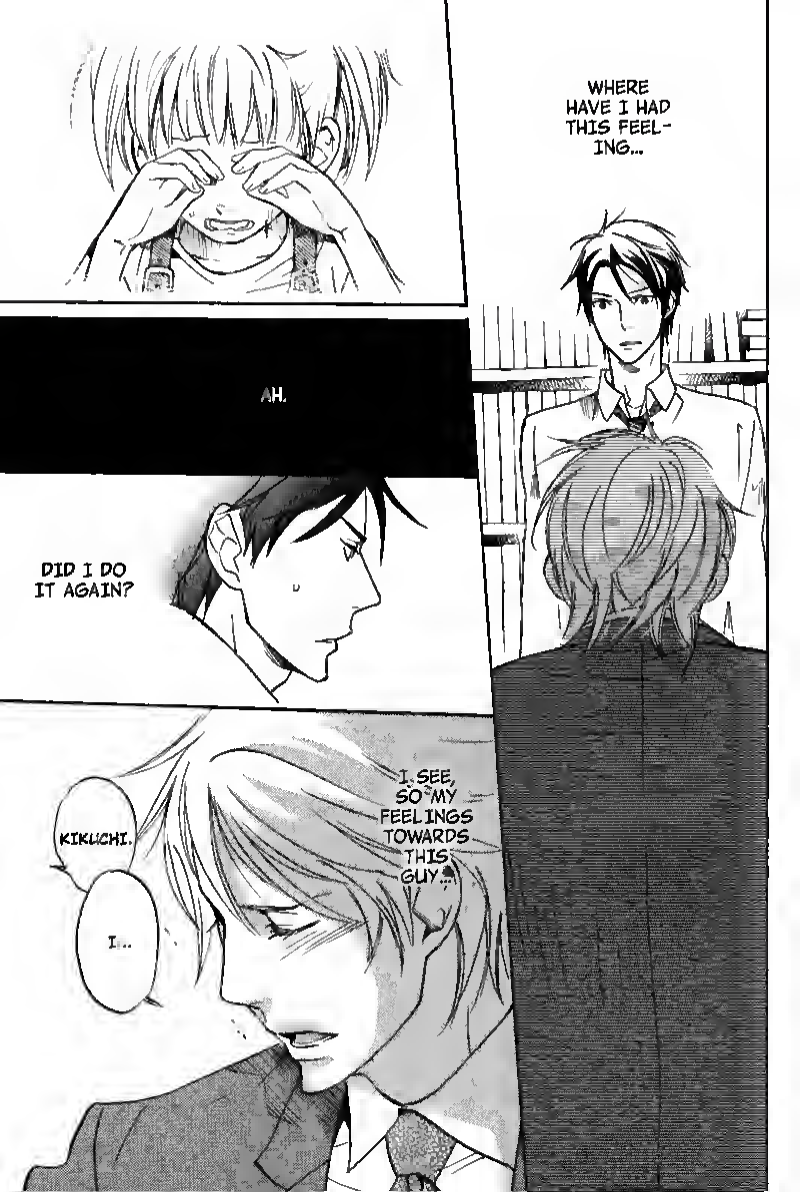
.....
FALL DOWN LIKE THIS AGAIN...
I REALLY ... SHOULDN'T ...
.....
KANOU?
ARE YOU IN-JURED?
I'M, I'M FINE.
.....
AH... AAH I SPACED OUT...

I GOT A SHOCK
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
YOU SEEM STRANGE.
WHY IS THIS GUY SO BEAUTIFUL?
.....
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM A REGULAR GUY.
BECAUSE HE LIKES MEN?
AH!
MORE!
AH!
THIS GUY ALWAYS GETS DONE BY MEN.
WHAT! WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT!
Am I stupid?
ドキン

YE-YEAH. .
KIKU-CHI.
LET'S GET UP FIRST.
RUB
TWITCH
OH NO
ST-
STUPID!
I DON'T NEED A HAND!!
KANOU, HERE ... A HAND.
.....
WHAT'S WITH MY REAC-TION.
IT'S STRANGE.
SERI-OUSLY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME!

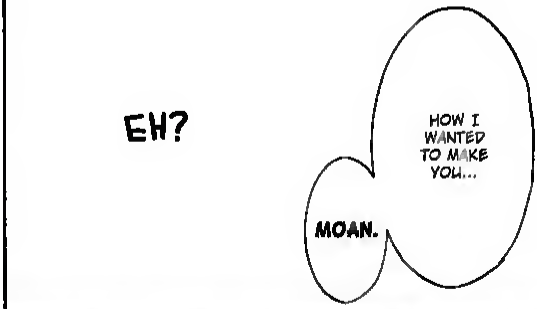
……
AH…
KANOU IS NICE TO EVERYONE BUT COLD TOWARDS ME
WHY?
THAT'S …
ドキッ
BE-
BECAUSE I GET PISSED OFF WHEN I SEE YOU!

AAAH, DAMN.
WHY CAN'T I HANDLE HIM...
!
I
EH?


WHERE HAVE I HAD THIS FEEL-ING...
AH.
DID I DO IT AGAIN?
I SEE, SO MY FEELINGS TOWARDS THIS GUY...
KIKUCHI.
I...

EXCUSE ME?
GET REALLY TURNED ON BY THAT PART OF YOU
KANOU-
I LIKE YOU.
YOU WERE AWARE OF ME JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?
I WAS SO HAPPY.
WAIT-
YOU-
WHA-
WHA-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

OH NO...
RELAX
I WON'T MAKE YOU REGRET IT.
BECAUSE... I'M GOOD AT IT.
Can't take his eyes OFF.
Oh-
HEY!
What are you taking OFF...
!?
.....
KIKUCHI!
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
NN!
.....
I'M GLAD.
EVERY TIME YOU WERE COLD TO ME, I WAS THINK-ING ABOUT IT.


EH?
HOW I WANTED TO MAKE YOU...
MOAN.

DON'T TELL ME...
I'M GOING TO BE HELD BY YOU?

EEH!
YOU-
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...
WAH...
You're taking it off so fast!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S HAPPENING...
AH!
WAIT... HEY!
AH!

AAAH!
COMING!
NN!
NOT YET.
WAIT A BIT...
THAT'S ...
AH!
LIKE I THOUGHT ...
YOU'RE SO CUTE.
KIKU-CHI...
I BEG YOU.
AH!
LET GO ...
OF YOUR HAND ...
AT YOUR LIMIT AL-READY?
NN.

OKAY...
LET'S COME TO-GETH-ER.
AAAH!
AH!
IN THE END...
THOUGH I STILL LIKE TO TEASE THE PERSON THAT I LIKE...
THE CONCLUSION IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

WHAT KIND OF FACILI-TIES!?
WE'LL DO IT SOMEWHERE WITH BETTER FACILITIES NEXT TIME
I'LL MAKE YOU CRY OUT MUCH MORE. ♡
AREN'T I THE ONE GETTING TEASED?
○END●

OUCH
My hips
HURRY UP, KIKUCHI! WE STAYED TOO LONG.
YEAH!

RECENTLY I'VE BEEN INCLINED TO BE IN A BAD MOOD.
I'LL DEFINITELY CREATE SOMETHING THAT WILL IMPRESS DAD TODAY!
AGAIN, I'M DISTRACTED AND CAN'T CONCENTRATE!
IF YOU ASK WHY —
POKE
AAAH!
AGAIN...
I'll redo it...

VS THE PASTRY SHOP ACROSS THE STREET
IT'S BECAUSE MY ARCH-ENEMY HAS RETURNED TO THE PASTRY SHOP ACROSS THE STREET

MY HOUSE IS A JAPANESE SNACK SHOP THAT HAS CONTINUED SINCE MY GRANDPA'S GENERATION.
LIKE THE WESTERN PASTRY SHOP ACROSS THE STREET...
IT'S A HUMBLE SHOP THAT'S LOVED BY THE LOCALS.
I THOUGHT...
A PASTRY CHEF WHO HAS WON AN AWARD ON HOME GROUND IS REALLY DIFFERENT!
I DON'T GET TIRED OF HIM EVEN THOUGH I COME EVERY WEEK.
AND HIS LOOKS...
HE'S EVEN HOTTER THAN IN THE MAGA-ZINES...
TOO BRIGHT
Too many beautiful ladies
ASAHI!

THE SOURCE OF MY SLUMP!
He's so tall!
Kya! It's Koba-yakawa-san!
So cool!
NO!
AH.
DID YOU COME TO BUY A CAKE?
Aren't I in front of my house!
Over there, you say
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
I JUST CAME OUT FOR A BIT DURING MY BREAK
OH .. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME. I JUST FINISHED MY NEW CREATION, DO YOU WANT TO COME OVER?
LET ME HEAR WHAT YOU THINK.
!

I...
WILL NEVER EAT YOUR CAKES!
EH?
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH THAT KID?
ASAHI!
THAT WAS QUICK...
JUN-KUN WAS BUSY AND COULDN'T HANG OUT?
I DIDN'T GO TO SEE JUNICHI!

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THAT KINDA FELLA NOW!
WHY? IN THE PAST YOU USED TO GO ROUND SAYING "JUN-CHAN JUN-CHAN".
HEY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THAT KINDA FELLA"?
JUN-KUN IS THE MOST SUCCESS-FUL ONE IN THIS SHOPPING STREET.
HE CAME BACK AFTER WINNING A PRESTI-GIOUS AWARD IN FRANCE.
MANY PEOPLE FROM FAR AWAY COME HERE TO SHOP AND BOOSTED SALES.
.....
I DON'T KNOW ...
HIM.
IF THAT HADN'T HAPPENED, I'D BE HAPPY, TOO.
5 YEARS AGO
THAT WAS THE DAY BEFORE JUNICHI'S UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS

THAT DAY
EAT THIS WHEN YOU GET HOME!
I MADE IT MYSELF.
THANKS!
I'LL SAVOUR IT CAREFULLY!
DID YOU MAKE IT FOR ME?
AND MADE SOMETHING ON MY OWN FOR THE FIRST TIME
I HEARD ABOUT AN INTERESTING SNACK FROM THE GIRLS IN MY CLASS
ASAHI.
JUN-CHAN!

JUN-CHAN ISN'T HOME YET...
I WAS GLAD THAT HE WAS HAPPY.
AND THE NEXT DAY
SHALL WE TAKE A BREAK, DEAR? MAKE SOME TEA.
These voices! JUN-CHAN'S PARENTS
SHALL WE EAT THE JAPANESE SNACKS WE GOT FROM JUN-CHAN THIS MORNING TOO?
EH?
HOW RARE FOR JUNICHI TO HAVE JAPANESE SNACKS.
THEY WERE A PRESENT.
HE HATES THEM SO HE TOLD US TO EAT IT

JUNICHI LEFT FOR FRANCE TO TRAIN AS A PATISSIER.
SINCE THEN, I'VE AVOIDED JUNICHI.
WITH BARELY A WORD SPOKEN BETWEEN US...
SORRY DAD.
HEY, DON'T PLAY WITH FOOD!
What's that?
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR WHAT HAPPENED THAT TIME!
I get angry thinking about it!
MAYBE I SHOULD GO FOR SNACKS COURSES INSTEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL
I WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT SOON
エイブル
英会話

JUNICHI.
ON YOUR WAY HOME?
HEY, ISN'T THAT ASAHI?
!
OH, YES.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR SHOP?
MY WORK'S DONE FOR TODAY.
My Dad's there
WHO?
THE SON OF THE JAPANESE SNACK SHOP ACROSS THE STREET.
Woah, He's with someone
Well...
I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE HE WAS BORN. HE'S LIKE A KID BROTHER.
WHO'S A BROTHER..
YOU SAY

WHAT ARE THESE GUYS DOIN...
HAHA... THAT'S EMBARRASSING.
OH, I WANT TO SEE JUNICHI AS A CHILD, TOO!
Let's look at albums in your room.
!!
CAN I?
YEAH.
THEN JUST FOR A BIT.
JUNICHI!
YOU... WHAT ARE YOU ..!

!!
ASAHI?
KYA!
STAND APART!
WHAT AM I DOING?
.....
JUNICHI'S BEEN REALLY POPULAR SINCE LONG AGO, HE'S ALWAYS CHANGING GIRLFRIENDS.
ASAHI!
WHAT'S THAT?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'RE SINGLE NOW!
EH?
Right_
ARE YOU DONE WITH THAT GIRL YOU WERE DATING LAST WEEK?

I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING WRONG!
YOU...
Why did you say that kind of thing!
YOU'RE THE WORST!
MOST LIKELY, THEY WERE GOING TO DO PERVERTED STUFF WHEN THEY'RE ALONE
.....
I WAS JUST SURPRISED WHEN THEY SUDDENLY KISSED IN THIS KIND OF PLACE
YOU PULLED WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, HUH
OF COURSE THEY'D.
JUNICHI'S POPULAR AND AN ADULT.

JUN-
WHAT...
EH?
!

HE'S GOING TO KISS ME?
I WAS TAKING OFF AN EYE-LASH...
PFFF
!?
Eyelash!?
HA HA HA
YOU...
WHAT KIND OF FACE WAS THAT!
HA

That face of yours...
BUT...
SORRY FOR THE WEIRD FACE!
DON'T LAUGH!
WHAT ...
WHA-
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
I'M GOING HOME!
I'M BUSY WORKING ON MY NEW CREATIONS.
CREATIONS AS IN JAPANESE SNACKS?
YOU'RE REALLY STILL MAKING THEM.
NO, RATHER THAN WEIRD...
THAT'S ENOUGH!
I GOT A SHOCK
.....
WELL YEAH
IF I MAKE THEM WELL, THEY GET DISPLAYED TOGETHER INSIDE THE CASE.
ISN'T THAT GREAT!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ...
SINCE YOUNG, YOU'VE BEEN SAYING YOU WANT TO BECOME THE BEST JAPANESE SNACK SHOP IN JAPAN
JUNICHI HAS CHANGED.
YOU USED TO SAY "I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO SUCCEED THE PASTRY SHOP", BUT YOU EVEN WENT ALL THE WAY TO FRANCE FOR TRAINING.
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVEN I DIDN'T THINK I'D COME SO FAR.
I'M GLAD.
ABOUT?
I'M FINALLY ABLE TO TALK SERIOUSLY WITH YOU.

I...
HEY, IF YOU'D LIKE, WE COULD GO SOMEWHERE TO TALK?
I...
MY HEART IS SO NOISY.
I..
WHAT'S WRONG?
FIX IT!
HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU AT ALL!
!!!

JUNICHI'S SMILING FACE IS THE SAME AS BEFORE.
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY WHEN JUNICHI PAID ATTENTION TO ME
IT'S BECAUSE HE SMILED AT ME LIKE HE DID IN THOSE DAYS

JUNICHI LOOKED HURT.
MAYBE I'M... THE ONE WHO HAVE CHANGED ...
.....
MAYBE I'M MORE OF A NASTY FELLOW THAN HIM.
EH? WHY IS THERE A CROWD IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?
AH!
ASAHI-KUN! BAD NEWS! YOUR FATHER HAS...
!?

DAD SUDDENLY SAID HIS STOMACH HURTS...
ASAHI!
I'M GOING WITH HIM SO LOOK AFTER THE SHOP
DAD!
EVEN IF I'M NOT AROUND...
I LEAVE IT TO YOU...
ASAHI...
I WANT TO GO TOO!
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF WE HAVE ANY NEWS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

IF DAD'S NOT AROUND...
ASAHI!
I HEARD THAT UNCLE COLLAPSED
JUN-ICHI!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
DAD SAID HE'S LEAVING IT TO ME..
BUT I CAN'T DO IT LIKE HIM!

IS...
UNCLE'S CONDITION THAT BAD?
I DON'T KNOW
I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY CALLS.
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST.
BUT I CAN'T...
ASAHI?
IF DAD BECOMES UNABLE TO WORK...
I'LL HAVE TO WORK HARD.
EVEN THOUGH I'M USING THE SAME INGREDI-ENTS...
EVEN THOUGH I WEIGHED OUT THE SAME AMOUNTS...
I CAN'T!
IF DAD DOESN'T COME BACK..
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

!?
CALM DOWN.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
THERE'S ALWAYS A RAINBOW AFTER THE STORM.

THE SWEET SMELL OF PASTRY IS CALMING.
YOU SHOULD JUST WAIT AND SEE.
.....
THAT'S RIGHT.
I FEEL MORE RELAXED SOMEHOW.
THANKS.
SORRY
EVEN ...
THOUGH I'VE ONLY SAID HORRIBLE STUFF TO YOU...
IT'S OKAY.
DON'T MIND IT.
THIS RED BEAN PASTE IS MADE BY UNCLE?
AH, YEAH. IT'S LEFT OVER FROM TODAY.
I WAS THINKING OF USING IT AS REFERENCE.
MUNCH
AH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
I'M TASTING IT! I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY TONGUE.
!
WHY ...
NO ...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING.
THAT ONE IS YOURS?
IT'S OKAY!
YOU DON'T LIKE RED BEAN PASTE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.
I KNOW...
YOU DIDN'T EAT THAT SNACK I GAVE YOU IN THE PAST, DID YOU?
I HEARD ABOUT IT.
YOU GAVE IT TO YOUR PARENTS BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE RED BEAN PASTE, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO EAT IT OUT OF PITY NOW!

DEAR ME
IS THERE ANY WAY I'D PASS SOMETHING YOU GAVE ME TO ANOTHER PERSON...
WHY YOU SUDDENLY DREW AWAY...
I FINALLY UNDER-STAND.
I SEE.
SOMETIMES I RECEIVE JAPANESE SNACKS...
FROM OTHER PEOPLE TOO.
I HEARD THEM SAYING THAT THEY GOT IT FROM YOU!
YOU'RE LYING!
THEY ALL SAID, "ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR TEST, JUN-CHAN!"
YOU PUT A FORTUNE INSIDE YOUR RICE BALLS, DIDN'T YOU?

IN THE END, I DIDN'T GO TO THE UNIVERSITY I GOT INTO AND BECAME A PATISSIER.
I WAS REALLY HAPPY.
JUN-ICHI...
HE ATE THEM...
IN THIS WHOLE WORLD, I ONLY LIKE THE RED BEAN PASTE MADE BY YOU.

AH.
JUN-
EH?
I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU WEREN'T AVOIDING ME BECAUSE YOU BECAME AWARE OF MY FEELINGS

WAIT A MINUTE...
PUSH
ASAHI
THIS IS BAD! I THINK

JUN-ICHI!
SOME-HOW IT'S A LITTLE

I'VE ...
ALWAYS LIKED YOU.

AH!
IDIOT!
DON'T RUN AWAY

GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK ANYMORE!
You were holding back?

!
FOR SOME REASON I FEEL WEIRD...
WHEN YOU COME NEAR ...

AH!
THAT PLACE..
WAH-
WAIT ...
JUN-ICHI!
ASAHI!
I'M HOME!
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A STONE IN ME.
DAD!
KIDNEY STONES REALLY HURT!
FOR A MOMENT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
OH.
JUN-KUN IS HERE?
YES.
I'M GLAD UNCLE IS FINE.
AT LEAST GIVE ME A CALL, THE TWO OF YOU!
WHY, WERE YOU CRYING?
NO WAY!

EH!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOT-TEN.
I WENT ALL THE WAY TO TRAIN.
BUT BECAUSE YOU SAID, "I WANT TO EAT THE BEST CAKE IN THE WORLD".
ASAHI, COME OVER AND EAT MY CAKES.
THEN I'LL BE OFF NOW.
YEAH!
I WANT TO TRY YOUR CAKES!
JUNICHI... FOR THAT KIND OF REASON!
MY SKILL IS FOR YOUR SAKE
Wow, didn't that feel like a con fession?
They finally made up!
I'LL BE WAITING.
CAN I GO TOMORROW?
●END●

The Cute Rude Person

IT'S
NOT STRANGE, IS IT?
DOKI
DOKI
YES?
HELLO, I'M KINOSHITA FROM NEXT DOOR!
Nice to meet you!
WHO IS IT?
THIS SHARE IS FOR YOU!
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TAKE IT.

EH?
MY COLLEAGUE AT MY COMPANY GAVE ME A LOT...
You look good
OH.. OH.
LONG TIME NO SEE.
WOW...
SE...
Woah!
COULD IT BE...
ONE MONTH AFTER I MOVED TO THIS APARTMENT, I HAD A 7-YEAR REUNION.
SENPAI!
YOU IDIOT! DON'T POUNCE!

AROUND FIVE YEARS
OH...
Your room's amazing
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN HERE?
TO THINK THAT FUJISAWA-SENPAI IS LIVING NEXT DOOR...
WOW, I GOT A SHOCK!
EVEN THOUGH I WAS CONFIDENT THAT I'D RECOGNISE YOU AS SOON AS I SAW YOU.
SINCE YOU WERE KIND OF AMAZING.
Smokes and tea and nutritional supplements
THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, I WAS WITH YOU THE WHOLE TIME FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE BACK HOME.
BUT I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS YOU.
I WAS ON A BATTLEGROUND AT THAT TIME!
Don't look at me!

YOUR MEDDLESOME NATURE HASN'T CHANGED.
SERI-OUSLY.
I CAME OVER WITH A SHARE OF FOOD EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW YOU.
I was wondering if you were eating properly.
YOU WERE SO UNSTEADY THAT..
Battle-ground?
You'll get into trouble... Someday!
If you don't cure your soft-hearted-ness...
SENPAI HASN'T CHANGED EITHER.
IT'S OKAY!
IN HIGH SCHOOL
HEY!
YOU GUYS, DON'T SLACK OFF!

I MET FUJISAWA-SENPAI IN MY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CLUB.
DAMN, THOSE GUYS TOTALLY WASTED THE TRAINING MENU I'D DRAWN UP.
IF I DON'T SUPERVISE THEM CLOSELY, WE'LL LOSE ANOTHER TIME!
SENPAI AS MANAGER TOOK OVER FROM THE OLD COACH TO OVERSEE TRAINING
NOW THEN
I HAVE TO MAKE A DRINK BEFORE THOSE GUYS COME BACK FROM RUNNING
GOTTA MAINTAIN THEIR STAMINA.
SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TRAI.. NING..
WAH!
FUJI-SAWA!

OH NO!
FUJISAWA'S AMNESIA AGAIN!
FIRST-YEAR
BRING HIM TO THE HEALTH ROOM!
YES!
HIS BODY WAS EXTREMELY WEAK
Are you okay?
THE BENCH'S FINE
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
PLEASE PASS THE CHORES TO SOME OTHER GUYS
NN.
.....
WHY DID HE WORK SO HARD...
THAT HE ENDED UP IN THIS STATE..
DUE TO THIS AND THAT, I WAS COMPLETELY PUT TO WORK WHEN I BECAME A SECOND-YEAR.
FIX THE LEAK IN THE ROOF
YES!
BEFORE THAT, PREPARE THE SPECIAL DRINK!
YES!
KINOSHITA' SEW UP THE SPLIT BALLS
YES!
AND BUY ME SOME JUICE
BUT...

THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT.
YES!
BECAUSE OF THAT, I BECAME CLOSE TO SENPAI
GET SOME FOR YOURSELF ON THE WAY.
My treat
I'M SORRY, HE TOLD ME NOT TO PASS OUT HIS CONTACT DETAILS
UNTIL THE DAY OF THE GRADUATION CEREMONY...

IT FEELS UNREAL FOR SENPAI TO BE IN FRONT OF ME NOW.
I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER MEET AGAIN.
And?
SENPAI, WHAT'S THIS?
?
A lot of it has fallen.
!!
DON'T READ IT WITHOUT ASKING!
!?
!?
THESE ARE THE TOOLS OF MY TRADE.
WAH!
TOOLS?
I WRITE STORIES FOR MY WORK

I WANT TO SEE!
WHAT KIND OF STORIES DO YOU WRITE?
STU-!
NO WAY!
JUST A BIT!
WOW!
SENPAI, YOU'RE A WRITER!?
URGH!
HEAVY...
AH!
AS IF I COULD SHOW YOU!
THIS IS A SENSUAL STORY!
Go away, you're annoying!
SE-
SE-
SENPAI!!
delicate
SEN-SUAL?

ARE YOU OKAY!?
GYAAA!
My cup ramen from 5 days ago!
Ah, Senpai, your phone
IT'S SPILLING, GET A RAG OVER HERE!
OK!
What-ever, just hurry!
another ava-lanche
IT'S GOING EVERY-WHERE!
WAH!
THIS IS TANAKA FROM SHINSHIN COMPANY WILL YOU BE ABLE TO COM-PLETE THE DRAFT IN TIME? I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN.
SENPAI, I'LL BE GOING NOW.
You're busy with work.
I'LL COME OVER TO CLEAN TO-MORROW.
AH!?
DON'T COME OVER AS YOU PLEASE!
YOU'RE INTER-FERING!
NO, I'M COMING.
YOU'LL DIE LIKE THIS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD.
I SAID IT'S FINE.

.....
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP.
I'LL DO ANY-THING!
He looks thinner
DOES HE HAVE NO TIME TO DO CHORES BECAUSE HE'S TOO BUSY WITH WORK?
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE EATING PROPERLY
SENPAI'S ROOM WAS AMAZ-ING..
WHAT KIND OF LIFE WAS HE LIVING FOR IT TO BECOME LIKE THAT..
HE HAS ALWAYS WORKED TOO HARD.
SHOULD I ASK HIM OUT FOR A MEAL?

I MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS BUT I'M PICKY ABOUT FOOD.
MAKE IT GOOD!
I'M A BAD COOK.
EH! FINE WITH ME, BUT ...
My wallet's over there so just go buy some ingredients
Don't you just eat cup ramen all the time
I'LL TRY MY BEST...
YOU MAKE IT HERE
TOO TROUBLE-SOME
I got tired of eating out every day.
IT BECAME ROUTINE FOR ME TO DROP BY SENPAI'S ROOM ON MY WAY HOME FROM WORK
FROM THEN ON
SENPAI, SHALL WE GO FOR DINNER?
Soon?
THROW THESE OUT ON THE WAY, TOO.
.....
WAH!
I MISS THIS AIR.
THERE'S SOME IN THE KITCH-EN.
AND ON TOP OF THE CLOSET, TOO!
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TO DO THIS IN ONE DAY!
AH.
I'LL THROW THIS AWAY, TOO!
SOME-HOW..

Right, I'll work hard, too!
FEELS LIKE WE'VE GONE BACK.
HE'S WORKING HARD!
GOOD WORK!
I'M LEAVING!
EH? WHY?
KINOSHITA, DID SOMETHING ...
GOOD HAPPEN TO YOU RECENTLY?
.....

YOU'RE LATE!
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT, BUT...
DID YOU GET A GIRL-FRIEND?
YOU SEEM TO BE EN-JOYING YOURSELF.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
NO.
OH, IS THAT SO?
DING DONG
SENPAI SAID HE WANTED TO EAT BEEF WITH POTATOES
FOR SOME REASON, I WANT TO SEE SENPAI'S FACE
...
...

SENPAI!
COULD HE HAVE COLLAPSED...
HE SHOULD BE HOME.
FUJISAWA-SENPAI!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
ピンポーン
ピンポーン
I GOT ALL CARRIED AWAY AND ANNOYED HIM...?
OR MAYBE...
I'M SORRY.
HE TOLD ME NOT TO PASS OUT HIS CONTACT DETAILS.

SEN-
PA-
YOU'RE NOISY.
THINK ABOUT THE NEIGH-BOURS!
IDIOT!
SEN-PAI!
YOU'RE ALRIGHT?
AH?
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
"Alright?"
AH... NO.
THERE WAS NO RE-SPONSE.
SO I THOUGHT SOME-THING HAP-PENED...

SLUMP, YOU SAY...?
NOTHING HAPPENED
I'M JUST IN A SLUMP.
!
HEY, CLOSE YOUR EYES
EH?
YES.
!?
WAH!
WHAT!?

SENPAI, WHAT'S THIS?
DON'T TAKE IT OFF.
YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?
WAS THAT A LIE?
UGH...
!!
WHAT'S THIS... WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!?
AH!
IT... WASN'T.
WAIT...
SENPAI!
WH-
WHY?
THIS...

MY EDITOR WANTED AN IMAGE OF A MANIAC.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE DOING THIS PLAY.
"PLAY"
AH!
IS IT SCARY THAT YOU CAN'T SEE?
A BIT.
HMM
AND HERE? TELL ME HOW YOU FEEL!
NN.
WAH
FEELS GOOD...
.....
ONLY THAT?
I'm ner vous!

NN.
SEN-
PAI
...
AH.
IS THIS REAL?
AND THIS?
NN.
I'M MOVING.
I'M...
AH.
THIS IS...
CAN'T BE...
WAIT ...
HAVING SEX WITH SENPAI...!
AH!
AH!

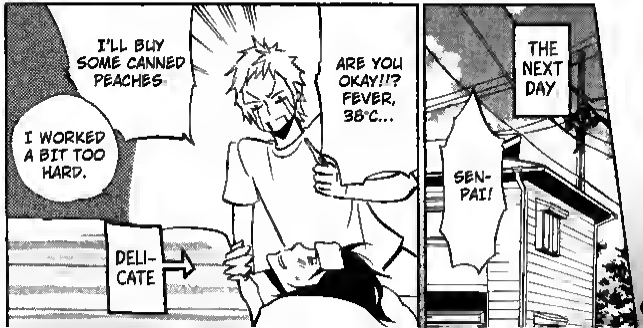
SEN-PAI.
SENPAI ...
.....
NN.
SENPAI ...
DON'T COME HERE ANYMORE.
WHY ..
IS THAT?
HURRY UP AND SCRAM.
EH?

EH?
I'D FINALLY VANISHED FROM BEFORE YOU
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MOVE IN NEXT DOOR!
SEN-PAI?
NO MATTER WHAT SELFISH THINGS I SAID ..
HOW I HIT YOU...
YOU CAME OVER TO CLEAN ... AND COOK!
UM ..
IF YOU DO THAT TO ME..
I'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU!

!!
SENPAI, YOU LIKE ME?

I'M GLAD!
NO.
THAT'S RIGHT!
CAN'T I? DAMMIT!
FOR ME..
ARE YOU A HOMO!?
EH... YOU'RE NOT DISGUSTED!?
I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR AGAIN!
I FELT GOOD!
WELL..
Maybe I am

I WON'T LET YOU SLEEP TONIGHT! BE PREPARED!
IF YOU SAY THAT KIND OF THING, I'M GOING TO VIOLATE YOU AGAIN!
YES!
I LOOK FORWARD TO IT!


I'LL BUY SOME CANNED PEACHES
ARE YOU OKAY!!? FEVER, 38°C...
THE NEXT DAY
I WORKED A BIT TOO HARD.
SEN-PAI!
DELI-CATE

●END●

Cledness
Library

PLEASE HELP ME WITH THIS
MR LIBRARIAN.
Book Request
Book title:
No Longer Human
Author:
Natsume Souseki
ARE YOU CHASING CUSTOMERS AWAY?
IT'S MY FREEDOM TO COME TO THE LIBRARY.
HEY, DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO COME HERE?
EITA...
I'VE KNOWN KAZUHIDE SINCE KINDERGARTEN

No Longer Human is by Dazai
It was part of compulsory education!
AFTER KAZUHIDE LEFT HIS PARENTS' HOUSE AND WENT TO A UNIVERSITY FAR AWAY
THERE WAS A BLANK PERIOD OF 4 YEARS
WE DON'T NEED YOU TO REQUEST FOR SUCH A MAJOR TITLE. FIND IT YOURSELF.
AH, SORRY ...
BY THE WAY, SHALL WE EAT TOGETHER TONIGHT? THIS PLACE CLOSES AT 5PM, RIGHT?
NO.
UNLIKE YOU, I'M BUSY.
I KNEW IT WOULD BECOME LIKE THIS ...
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE I WORK
YOU SAID THAT YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE TOO ..
WHEN ARE YOU FREE? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE MET. HANG OUT WITH ME!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
You even snerked around for 3 months!
EITA'S HOUSE

IF WE HADN'T MET COINCI-DENTALLY ...
WERE YOU PLANNING TO HIDE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
ANYWAY, I HAVE NO TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU!
GO HOME.
THE CLEVER AND INDOOR-TYPE KAZUHIDE.
AND I, A JOCK.
WHY DO YOU GO SO FAR-

OUR PER-SONALITIES SEEM TO BE COM-PLETELY OPPOSITE BUT STRANGELY WE GOT ALONG.
WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER.
YOU MUST ... STILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT INCIDENT.
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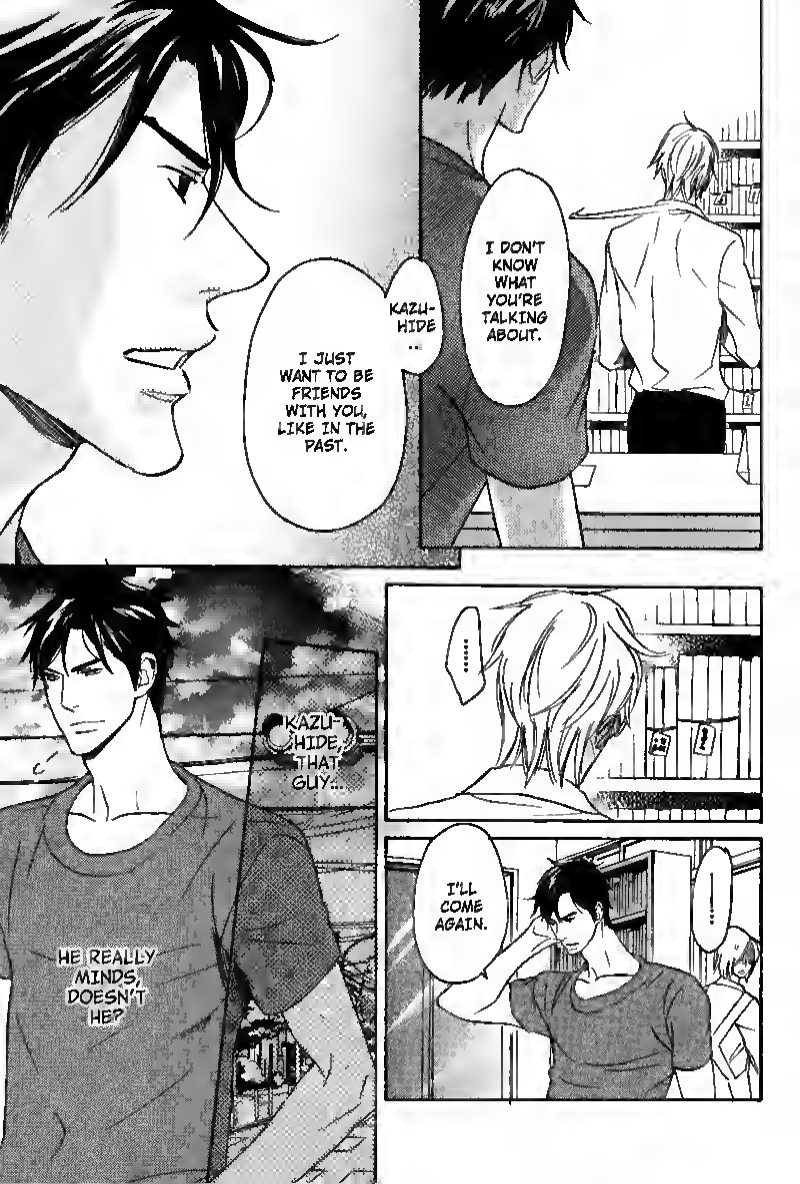

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
KAZU-HIDE ..
I JUST WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU, LIKE IN THE PAST.
.....
!?
I'LL COME AGAIN.
KAZU-HIDE, THAT GUY...
HE REALLY MINDS, DOESN'T HE?

I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE...
LOOKED AT THAT GUY WITH EYES LIKE THAT.
YO, EITA!
IT'S BEEN 4 YEARS..
ARE YOU COMING FOR BALL PRACTICE LATER?
YEP. I'LL GO AFTER THE SHOP CLOSES.
Alright!
TANAKA-SAN, SEE YOU LATER.
OK.
ARE YOU BEING CHEEKY!
IT'S OKAY. IF THEY COME AGAIN, I'LL HIT THEM!
THANK YOU. SORRY.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS.. DOING!
KAZUHIDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SMART WITH THE BEST GRADES IN OUR YEAR.
WAH! EITA'S COM-RUN! ING!
I GUESS... THAT'S IM-POSSIBLE FOR ME

AND FROM GIRLS TOO...
HE WASN'T LIKE ANYONE ELSE
ALRIGHT.
THEN I'LL DRIVE THEM AWAY AS MANY TIMES AS YOU NEED!
HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM US, ALL WHITE AND THIN.
That's true
I PROTECTED KAZUHIDE BECAUSE I WAS HAPPY THAT HE ONLY SMILED AT ME.
YEAH!
AND..
AND R + 1 BECOMES A MULTIPLE OF 14 BECAUSE...
THEREFORE R IS A WHOLE NUMBER BETWEEN 0 AND 14...
WHEN WE WENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL, I STARTED TO BE CONSCIOUS OF KAZUHIDE.

IT GOT PRETTY BAD BY THE TIME WE WERE IN THE THIRD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
KISS HIM ALL OVER-
PUSH HIM DOWN
STRIP HIM..
ARE YOU LISTENING, EITA?
You're a sports idiot, but put in a bit of effort!
I WANT TO HUG HIM.
THAT'S WHY ON THE DAY I SAW HIM, IN THAT KIND OF POSITION...
BUT I RESISTED I EVEN ABRUPTLY DECIDED TO GO TO A UNIVERSITY FAR AWAY
BIG BRO ...
DID YOU GO TO KAZU-KUN'S PLACE AGAIN?
HE'LL HATE YOU IF YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT
Try saying that again!
Eeeks!
IN ANY CASE

I'LL BE CONTENT IF I COULD JUST STAY WITH HIM, WITHOUT HOPING FOR ANYTHING.
I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO... LOSE CONTACT WITH HIM.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT HE'S AN IMPORTANT FRIEND.
I hope Kubota-san doesn't chase you out today!
I'D BUILT A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PART-TIMERS.
REALLY? I'M GLAD.
I'LL GO EAT YOUR RAMEN NEXT TIME.
OH, EITA-KUN, HELLO!
HELLO.
YOU CAME TODAY!
WITH THAT ... I CAME AND WENT FOR TWO WEEKS.
KAZU-HIDE!
FOOD AND DRINK ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE PREMISES.
STUPID.
I CAN BRING IT HERE NEXT TIME IF YOU WANT.

THIS MONTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS
IS THERE A NEED FOR THIS KIND OF CORNER?
ISN'T IT TROUBLE-SOME TO READ ALL OF THAT?
SERI-OUSLY...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
LOITERING AROUND IN THE LIBRARY AND MESS-ING WITH GIRLS.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU'RE ON THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, AREN'T YOU?
You're smart so I thought you'd become an academic or something
YOU REALLY LIKE THIS JOB.
NO.
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED READING SO IT'S NOT DIFFICULT.
OH.
I'LL BE GLAD IF SOMEONE READS A BOOK I RECOMMEND

YEAH.
THEN SHALL I TRY IT?
YOU?
.....
EH?
THIS ...
KAZUHIDE ...
I THINK THAT EVEN A BEGINNER CAN FINISH THIS BOOK WITHOUT GETTING BORED.

SURE.
THANKS!
I WANT TO ASK HIM OUT FOR A MEAL.
BUT I'LL HAVE TO HOLD BACK FOR NOW.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME MORE RELAXED.
I'm getting through!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YES.
EXCUSE ME, I'M RETURNING BOOKS.
DAMN... HE'S SO CUTE!
THREE BOOKS ...
.....
WORKING IN A LIBRARY IS TOUGH.
DISINFECTING EACH BOOK?
ISN'T HE AMAZING?
HMM?

IT'S NOT!
THAT'S NOT PART OF THE JOB?
IT COULD BE FASTIDIOUSNESS.
BUT NOW HE DISINFECTS EVEN THE COUNTER AND THE DOORS COUNTLESS TIMES!
HE WASN'T LIKE THAT WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED HERE.
I SEE...
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN NEAT.
A MONTH...
BUT FOR THE PAST MONTH IT'S LIKE HE'S BEEN POSSESSED.
AH...
I HAVE TO GO BACK.
IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE WE MET AGAIN
COULD THERE BE A CONNECTION?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
GAME SET!
THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE THAT WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER.
EITA!
YOU'RE THE HERO TODAY!
KAZUHIDE!
AH...

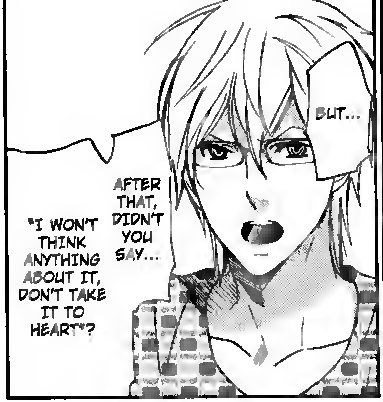
YOU'RE HERE!
YOU WON
WE WORKED HARD.
WE'RE CELEBRATING AFTER THIS.
JOIN US?
NO.
I'M GOING BACK.
AH..
SEE YOU.
WAIT!
!

KAZU-
HIDE
...
DON'T TOUCH ME WITH YOUR FILTHY HANDS!
S-
SORRY ... THAT-
AH...
FOR THE PAST MONTH IT'S LIKE HE'S BEEN POS-SESSED..
IT COULD BE FASTIDI-OUSNESS.
!

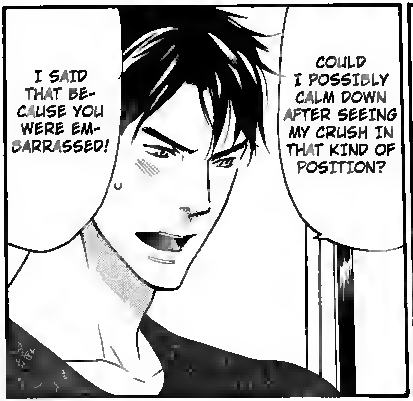
I WON'T BOTHER YOU ANY-MORE.
EITA!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
AM I THAT...
FILTHY?
HOLD ON!
HOLD...
COME WITH ME.
.....
YOU ...

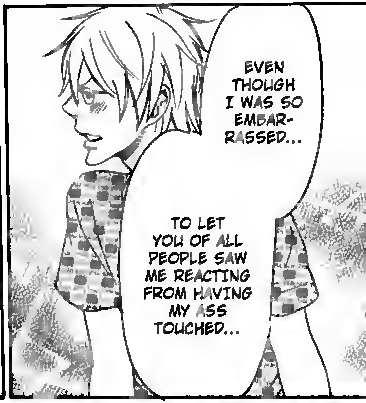
THIS TIME
PLEASE TELL ME THE WHOLE TRUTH
ラーメン
EH?
THAT DAY WHEN YOU WERE IN BED WITH A COLD
YOU LOOKED DOWN ON ME, DIDN'T YOU?
FOUR YEARS AGO
HE MUST BE REALLY FREE TAKING A DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL
ピンポーン
OH, EITA-KUN, PLEASE GO UPSTAIRS.
AH. DOCTOR, I DON'T WANT THAT!

THIS IS THE BEST FOR A FEVER
KAZU-HIDE!
AT LEAST LET ME DO IT MYSELF
I'M NOT A KID ANY-MORE.. AH!
EITA!?
YOU CAN'T!
I'M COMING IN.
To me you're just like a baby!
AH!
COULDN'T FORGIVE ME FOR LUSTING AFTER A FRIEND, COULD YOU?
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU STARTED AVOIDING ME AFTER THAT?
YOU ...

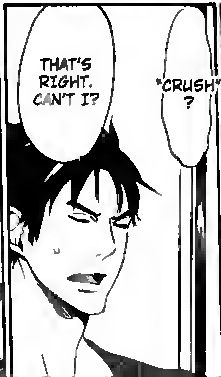

"I WON'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT IT, DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART"?
AFTER THAT, DIDN'T YOU SAY...
BUT...

YOU DIDN'T REALISE?
LUST, YOU SAY...
W-
WHAT'S WITH THAT!


I SAID THAT BE-CAUSE YOU WERE EM-BARRASSED!
COULD I POSSIBLY CALM DOWN AFTER SEEING MY CRUSH IN THAT KIND OF POSITION?


EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO EMBAR-RASSED...
TO LET YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SAW ME REACTING FROM HAVING MY ASS TOUCHED...

KAZU-HIDE?


THAT'S RIGHT, CAN'T I?
"CRUSH"?

EH?
YOU SAID...

WITH THOSE WORDS I THOUGHT I HELD NO ATTRACTION AND YOU DIDN'T WANT ME...
IT'S NOT TRUE THAT IT WAS MUTUAL, RIGHT?
EH...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO LEAVE!
.....
IT WAS HARD TO STAY FRIENDS...
I WAS ALWAYS FRUS-TRATED.
THAT I LIKED YOU EVEN THOUGH I'M MALE.
CAN I...
TOUCH YOU?
PRETENDING TO TEACH YOU SO I COULD STAY CLOSE AND GET EXCITED ON MY OWN...
WHY?
N-
NO!
THE WHOLE TIME ...

BITA.
YOU CAN'T...
AH.
THEN.
AS LOVERS?
FRIENDS DON'T TOUCH EACH OTHER...

.....
NN..
THEN IT'S...
OK.

EITA.
DOES IT HURT? BUT IT'S AMAZING HERE.
WHEN I THINK THAT YOU'RE INSIDE...
IT'S TOO GOOD...
MOVE SLOWER...
I CAN'T HOLD IT-
AH!
IF YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE!
AH!
NN!
AH!
AH!
EITA!
IT'S UN-BEARABLE...

I SAY, KAZUHIDE.
AH.
THAT'S JUST FLU PREVEN-TION.
I'm probably covered in germs.
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TAKE A BATH AFTER THE MATCH.
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOVE TO BE CLEAN...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, EVEN THOUGH KA-ZUHIDE IS CLEVER, HE'S A BIT SLOW.
HEY.
COULDN'T YOU JUST HAVE CHANGED DOCTORS?
He likes inserting things too much...
AH.
.....
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET AN UNSIGHTLY SUPPOSI-TORY AGAIN.
● END ●

Cowardly
Warmth

SO MIZUNO-SENSEI CAN DO THAT KIND OF THING WITH GUYS?
LET ME DO IT, TOO
KISHIMOTO RYOU IS A STUDENT IN THE CLASS I'M IN CHARGE OF
WHERE WERE YOU DURING FOURTH PERIOD? YOU SKIPPED CLASS AGAIN?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING THIS IMPORTANT TIME?
THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH HIS GRADES OR ATTITUDE
BUT IN HIS THIRD YEAR HE SUDDENLY BECAME A DELIN-QUENT
WHAT'S WITH THAT TONE!
KISHI-MOTO!

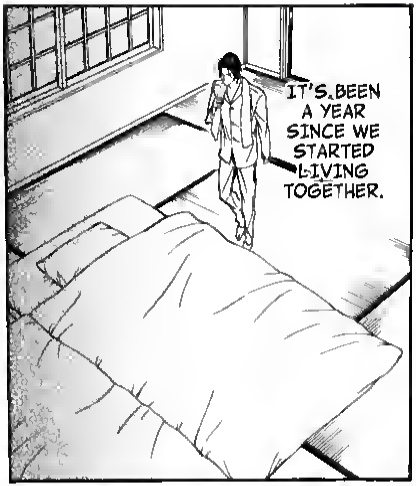
RATHER THAN SAYING THAT HE'S GOTTEN COCKY!
COCKY?
YES.
HE'S GOTTEN COCKY BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT!
YOU SHOULD BE FIRM, TOO.
MIZUNO-SENSEI
TANAKA-SENSEI
...
LOOK YOU'LL CATCH A COLD IF YOU SIT HERE
MIZU-NO...
WHAT...
WAH!
IF I BRING IT UP THE WRONG WAY, HE'LL RUN AWAY. BUT I'M NOT GOOD AT TALKING
HOW SHOULD I SAY IT...

WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY SKIPPING CLASS AND BREAKING SCHOOL RULES?
!!
WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
DIDN'T YOU COME TO PREACH?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
DOES IT MATTER?
AFTER ALL I'M THE ONE IN TROUBLE IN THE END
INSTEAD OF SAYING THAT I WAS TRULY WORRIED
I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING SPECIAL
THAT'S NOT TRUE, YOU KNOW?
BUT IN TRUTH IT'S JUST SOMETHING TROUBLE-SOME THAT YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF
YOU GUYS ALWAY SAY "EVEN THOUGH I CAME HERE JUST TO GIVE YOU COUNSEL LING"

BUT
YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S BOTHERING YOU.
NOT ONLY ABOUT UNIVERSITY CHOICES AND SCHOOL.
.....
BECAUSE OF THIS, RYOU BECAME INTERESTED IN ME.
SINCE THEN
THE OLD LADY AT HOME GOT MARRIED AGAIN.
BOTH OF THEM ARE FUSSING OVER ME,
IT'S TOO NOISY.
WE STARTED TALKING A BIT.
OUTSIDE OF CLASS.

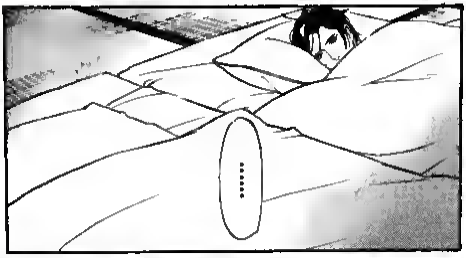
I FELT SOME KIND OF WEIRD ATMOSPHERE AROUND THIS TIME
BUT I THOUGHT I WAS THINKING TOO MUCH
.....
BUT THAT DAY..
KISHIMOTO, YOU CAN'T!
I DIDN'T REJECT RYOU
THIS ISN'T ACCEPTABLE
BECAUSE I'M A STUDENT?
I'LL DEFINITELY SATISFY YOU BETTER THAN THAT KIND OF GUY.
IF YOU DON'T TALK, NO ONE'S GOING TO KNOW
THAT'S THE BELL.
YOU NEED TO HURRY
AH OK
RYOU WAS TOO ASSERTIVE DURING THAT TIME AND I DID EVERYTHING TO AVOID HIM.
.....
AFTER GRADUATION
HE CAME OVER TO MY PLACE AND WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER
EH?
YES?
MIZUNO-SENSEI!

RYOU.
IF YOU DON'T GO TO SLEEP SOON, YOU'LL BE AFFECTED TOMORROW.
AH...
KENICHI-SAN, TOO. YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GO TO BED!
I GET IT
HAHA. FOR REAL?
THAT'S NOT IT, STU-PID!


IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER.

GOOD NIGHT.
OK.

GOOD NIGHT.
EH?
IT'S OKAY AND ...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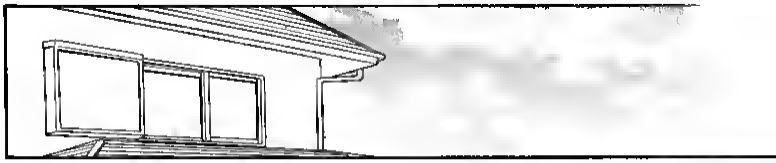
MY HAIR IS STILL WET.
But to go back again-

WHEN DID IT BECOME LIKE THIS?
HE'S ENJOYING HIS CONVERSATION WITH HIS UNIVERSITY FRIEND NOW

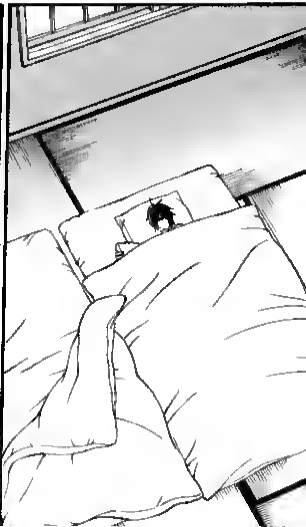
WITH A PARTNER OLD ENOUGH TO BE HIS FATHER...
HE'S GOOD-LOOKING AND PEOPLE WON'T LEAVE HIM ALONE.
SINCE I'M A COWARD.
IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF IT WENT WELL.
SEN-SEI.
RYOU
IT REALLY TOOK COURAGE TO RESPOND TO YOUR FEEL-INGS.
INSIDE SENSEI.
IT FEELS REALLY GOOD.

ARE YOU..
ALREADY TIRED OF IT?

HEY
LET'S SEE HOW MANY TIMES WE CAN DO IT TILL MORNING
EVEN IF YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GOT INTER-ESTED FIRST...



RYOU!



YOU'RE VERY EARLY.
KEN-ICHI-SAN..

I TOOK ON MORE PART-TIME WORK.
I HAVE TO LEAVE A BIT EARLIER FROM NOW ON.
DIDN'T WE HAVE A PROMISE THAT YOU'D TELL ME BEFOREHAND?
AH, SORRY.
OK.
I'M GOING.
RYOU!
TODAY ..
COME BACK EARLY, OKAY?
WAIT.

AH...
DON'T COME RUNNING AFTER ME DRESSED LIKE THAT!
I... MIGHT BE LATE TODAY.
RYOU...
.....
ISN'T TODAY YOUR BIRTHDAY...
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, HE STARTED TO HATE ME SO MUCH THAT HE CAN'T EVEN STAND MY TOUCH.

THE LOOK ON RYOU'S FACE IS LIKE THAT TIME AGAIN
TAKE CARE.
WELL
YES
MIZUNO-SENSEI, YOU CAUGHT A COLD AGAIN?
OH.
COUGH
SINCE WHEN?
HE WAS DEVOTED TO LOOKING AFTER ME WHEN I WAS IN BED WITH A COLD.
I THOUGHT THINGS WERE STILL NORMAL THREE MONTHS AGO.
OR IS HE REALLY...
DID I DO SOMETHING WITHOUT REALISING IT?

IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS SINCE I DISCOVERED MY SEXUAL PREFERENCE.
I DIDN'T HAVE A FIXED PARTNER.
ONLY AT TIMES WHEN I COULDN'T STAND THE LONELINESS
DID I LOOK FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED.
I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A PARTNER WHO COULD STAY WITH ME FOREVER.
IT'LL BE HARD FOR ME, BUT-
If I could care less...
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALLED IS NOT AVAILABLE...
HE MIGHT NOT COME BACK TO ME.
THE TIME SPENT WAITING FOR YOUR LOVER, THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IS UNBEARABLY PAINFUL.
RECEPTION MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE OR THE RECIPIENT'S DEVICE MAY BE TURNED

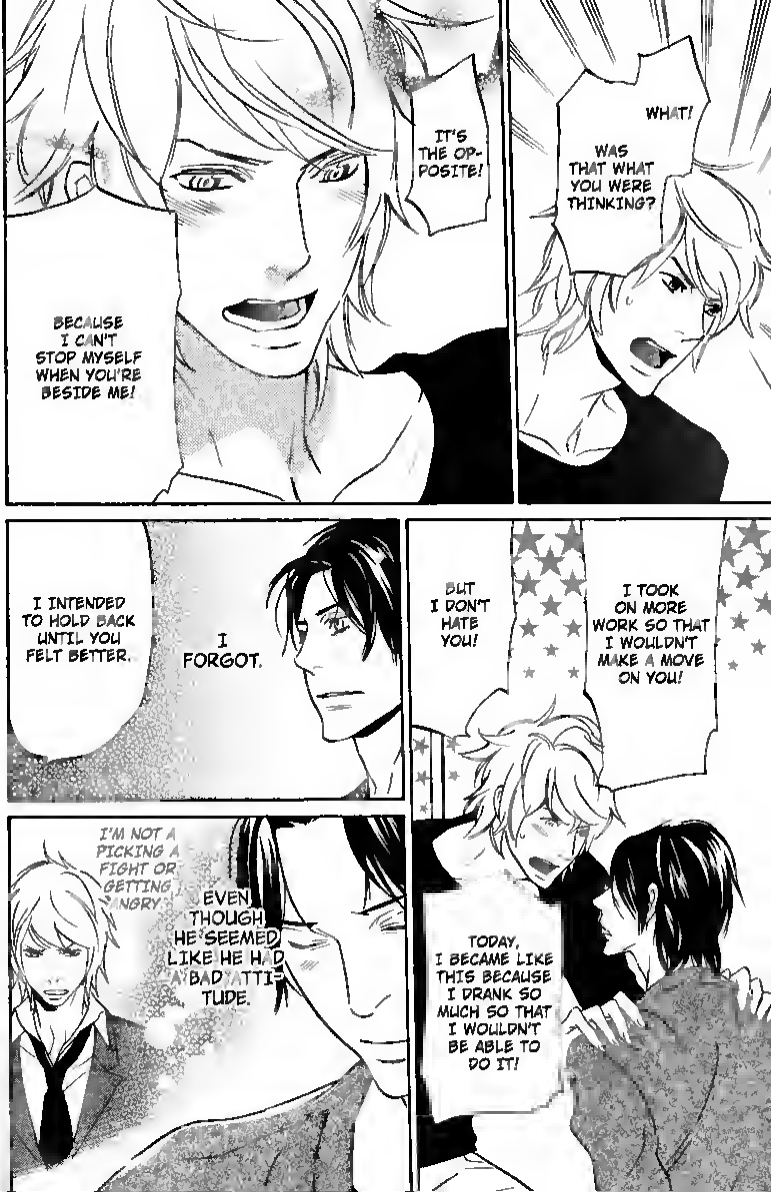
LAUGHING SO HAPPILY...
BECAUSE RYOU SHOWED ME HIS FACE EVERYDAY.
THAT WAS WHY I DIDN'T HAVE A LOVER.
I WAS SO HAPPY EVEN WHEN HE FORCED ME THAT I COULD FORGIVE HIM.
I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM.

I CAN'T JUST SIT AND WAIT
ANY-MORE!
WAH!!
OUCH...
RYOU...
EH?

SENSEI ...
DON'T...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING..
SITTING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
DON'T DIE...
AND LEAVE ME BEHIND!
HUH!?
"Die"!?

YOU'RE DRUNK.
AREN'T YOU?
ANYWAY, CALM DOWN AND EXPLAIN.
YOU'RE AT THE SAME AGE AS MY DAD WAS...
WHEN HE DIED.
NOT ALL MEN DIE AT THIS AGE, YOU KNOW?
I KNOW, BUT...
WHEN YOU WERE HAVING A NIGHTMARE BECAUSE OF YOUR COLD TWO MONTHS AGO...
YOU RESEMBLED MY FATHER IN HIS LAST DAYS SO MUCH THAT I GOT REALLY SCARED
RYOU ...
KENICHI-SAN, DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE CAUGHT A COLD THIS YEAR?

NO.
I REMEMBER.
EH?
THAT TIME, TOO.
When I made you do it in the kitchen
THINKING ABOUT IT, THAT WAS HOW IT WAS THE FIRST TIME, TOO.
BECAUSE YOU'LL CATCH A COLD...
AFTER I FORCE YOU
WHEN I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL...
YOU GOT PNEUMONIA BECAUSE I CHASED YOU AROUND IN THE RAIN AFTER MEETING YOU IN THE HOTEL STREET.
I THOUGHT YOU GOT WELL FAIRLY SOON AFTER THAT, BUT I...
W-
WAIT!
YOU DON'T HATE ME...
HUH?
BECAUSE... WEREN'T YOU AVOIDING ME?


BECAUSE I CAN'T STOP MYSELF WHEN YOU'RE BESIDE ME!
IT'S THE OPPOSITE!
WHAT!
WAS THAT WHAT YOU WERE THINKING?
I INTENDED TO HOLD BACK UNTIL YOU FELT BETTER.
I FORGOT.
BUT I DON'T HATE YOU!
I TOOK ON MORE WORK SO THAT I WOULDN'T MAKE A MOVE ON YOU!
I'M NOT A PICKING A FIGHT OR GETTING ANGRY.
EVEN THOUGH HE SEEMED LIKE HE HAD A BAD ATTITUDE.
TODAY, I BECAME LIKE THIS BECAUSE I DRANK SO MUCH SO THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT!

HE JUST BECOMES LIKE THAT WHEN HE FEELS UNEASY.
RYOU.
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU FEEL UNEASY.
SENSEI ...
I REALLY MADE YOU WORRY.
I'LL TAKE CARE NOT TO CATCH A COLD AGAIN.
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...

EVEN THOUGH RYOU WANTS ME SO MUCH!!
THEN...
CAN I HAVE YOU FOR MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT?
IT'S OKAY
I'LL EVEN EAT MY CARROTS FROM NOW ON!
WHAT'S WITH THAT! You're really like a kid sometimes
ANYWAY...
DON'T MIND THESE LITTLE THINGS AND PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME.
EVEN THOUGH I'M SO LOVED...
GO AHEAD

AH.
HAA.
AH!
We'll do it with your clothes on so you don't catch a cold.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PROPER.
ONLY WHEN WE'RE HAVING SEX...
EH?
SOMEHOW, YOU'RE REALLY EXCITED

EH?
THAT...
DO AS YOU WISH.
SINCE I'M YOUR PRESENT TODAY..
EH?
WAS ACTUALLY A PROPOSAL.
DIDN'T YOU RE-ALISE?
AH!
AH!
WAIT!
AH!
WAIT A MIN...
HOLD ON!
You told me to go ahead, right?
I...
WON'T HOLD BACK, YOU KNOW?
A PROPOSAL!?

●END●

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HIKARI BECAME BROTHERS WITH HIS CLASSMATE HYUUGA THROUGH THEIR PABENTS BEMARRIAGE ALTHOUGH HE NEVER HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH HYUUGA UP TILL THEN AFTER THEY STARTED LIVING TOGETHER, HIKARI SEES A SIDE OF HYUUGA BEYOND HIS IMAGINATION INCLUDING HIS SURPRISING WEAKNESS TO SKINSHIP! AFTER THAT HIKARI BEGINS TO MAKE FUN OF HYUUGA BUT...

BESIDES THE COVER STORY WHICH DESCRIBES THE ANGUISHED DAYS OF HYUUGA WHO IS PLAGUED BY PINK COLOUBED FANTASIES AFTER BEING MANIPULATED BY THE INNOCENT LITTLE DEVIL HIKARI THIS LOVELY VOLUME CONTAINS OTHER STORIES WHICH WILL GIVE YOUR HEART A SQUEEZE WITH TAKARAI SAKI'S CHARM

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Which one's better.